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Letter dated 12 April 2002 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Counter-Terrorism Committee has received the attached report from Maldives, submitted pursuant to paragraph 6 of resolution 1373 (2001) (see annex).

I should be grateful if you could arrange for the present letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Jeremy **Greenstock**
Chairman
Counter-Terrorism Committee

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Annex

Note verbale dated 11 April 2002 from the Permanent Mission of Maldives to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Maldives to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism and has the honour to forward herewith the report of the Government of the Maldives on measures undertaken by the Maldives to eliminate international terrorism in accordance with Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) (see enclosure).

Enclosure

Measures to eliminate international terrorism
Report of the Republic of Maldives

The Maldives has consistently supported all measures towards the elimination of terrorism, having experienced the terror and tragic consequences of a terrorist attack in 1988. Since then, at the United Nations General Assembly every year, the Maldives has called for the enhancement of international cooperation to combat and eliminate terrorism. The Maldives stands ready to cooperate fully with the international community to banish the menace of terrorism from the face of the earth as it desires a more peaceful world. It has condemned all acts of terrorism wherever and whenever they take place and remains true to its commitment to the fight against terrorism.

The Maldives has taken the following measures in keeping with its commitments to defeat terrorism.

Freezing of funds

Pursuant to Security Council resolutions 1267 of 1999, 1333 of 2000 and 1373 of 2001, the Government of Maldives has, through the Ministry of Finance and Treasury and the Maldives Monetary Authority, issued instructions to the banks in the Maldives to freeze funds and other financial assets and resources of the entities and individuals contained in the consolidated lists relating to the aforesaid resolutions. The banks in the Maldives have reviewed their records and found that no assets or financial resources belonging to the entities and individuals in the lists are with the banks. They have further revealed that no transactions had ever been conducted by the listed entities and individuals through them.

Global Conventions on Terrorism

The Maldives is already party to the following 7 of the 12 global conventions on terrorism:

- Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Parsons, including Diplomatic Agents, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 14 December 1973.
- International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 15 December 1997.
- Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft, signed at Tokyo on 14 September 1963.
- Protocol on the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation, supplementary to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, signed at Montreal on 24 February 1988.
- Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection, signed at Montreal on 1 March 1991.
- Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft, signed at The Hague 16 December 1970.

– Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, signed at Montreal on 23 September 1971.

In addition, the Maldives is also party to the SAARC Regional Convention on Suppression of Terrorism signed in 1987.

Following the tragic events of September 11, the Government has expeditiously studied and decided to sign the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism adopted by United Nations General Assembly on 9 December 1999. The Government will soon begin studying the remaining conventions with a view to joining them.

Local Laws on Terrorism

Law Number 10/90 of 9 December 1990 of the Maldives outlaws all acts of terrorism and related activities. The United Nations Security Council resolutions 1267, 1333 and 1373 can be implemented under the existing law on terrorism.

Focal points for communications by Counter-Terrorism Committee

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Maldives and the Maldives Permanent Representative to the United Nations have been designated as the focal points in the capital and in New York, respectively, for the purpose of communications by the Counter-Terrorism Committee of the United Nations Security Council.

The Government of Maldives is contemplating further measures to buttress its efforts in the global fight against terrorism.